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SUBJ: ICAO - ASSEMBLY - US COOPERATION LEBANON (AND OTHER ARAB
STATES)

1. US REP SUGGESTED TO LEBANON REP ABOUCHACRA THAT DISCUSSIONS
SEPTEMBER 23 BETWEEN US AND SOME ARAB STATES MIGHT MINIMIZE
DIFFERENCES. HE REMINDED THAT LEBANON'S POSITION SOMETIMES
DIFFERS FROM BLOC POSITIONS - - SO WOULD BE HAPPY HAVE (AND
EXPECTS) LEBANON/US COORDINATION.

2. ARAB BLOC COORDINATION. FULL ARAB CAUCUS MEETS SEPTEMBER 23
A.M. ABOUCHACRA WILL ADVISE US REP AFTER HOW POSITIONS FIRMED
UP AND WHETHER A) US MEETING WITH GROUP WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE,
OR B) WHETHER BETTER CONTACT STATES INDEPENDENTLY. APPOINTMENTS
WILL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER.

3. US/LEBANON BILATERAL. BEYDOUN HEADING LEBANON DELEGATION.
VETERAN DGCA AND FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER. FYI ABOUCHACRA EXPRESSED
ENTHUSIASM FOR NEW BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW
7 WEEKLY WIDEBODY NON-STOP NEW YORK/BEIRUT (3 MEA, 4 PAA); AND
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INCIDENTLY MENTIONED BILATERAL TALKS SOON. US REP NOT AU COURANT

ON BILATERAL STATUS: IF CAPACITY AGREEMENT NOT FINALIZED, US
REP WOULD APPRECIATE PROTECTION SOURCE FOREGOING. END FYI.

4. COUNCIL APPORTIONMENT. ABOUCHACRA TOLD US REP, LEBANON
POSITION 10-10-10, BEST POSITION ON COUNCIL APPORTIONMENT (FOR
REASONS OF PRESSURE ON PARTS TWO AND THREE IF ONE REDUCED.) FYI AS
CHAIRMAN, BINAGHI WILL PUT 10-10-10 TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR
POSITIVE DECISION: "I ASSUME COMMITTEE WISHES MAKE IT'S USUAL
RECOMMENDATION TO ASSEMBLY THAT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP BE DIVIDED
EQUALLY AMONG THREE PARTS - - -" END FYI

5. FYI BINAGHI EXPECTS WORK WITH ARABS THROUGH HAKIM, PRES OF
CACAS (ARAB AVIATION COMMISSION). END FYI.

6. ARAB LANGUAGE IN ICAO. ABOUCHACRA SAID EXPECTS QUIET ASSEMBLY.
DID NOT MENTION LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OR ARAB LANGUAGE. US REP
ASKED ABOUT LANGUAGE POSITION. HE SAID LEBANON WOULD GO ALONG
WITH IT BECAUSE IT WAS LIMITED - - - ALL EGYPT WANTS IS
A) ARABIC INCLUSION IN LOCAL REGIONAL MEETINGS WHERE PARTICI-
PANTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN ARABIC; AND B) ARABIC FOR SOME CORRES-
PONDENCE OUT OF HEADQUARTERS. HE SAID THEY WERE NOT FAVORABLE
TO PROLIFERATION OFFICIAL LANGUAGES - - ICAO SHOULD BE MOVING
TOWARD ONE LANGUAGE.

7. FYI. ABOUCHACRA ONE OF "WEATHERVANE" COUNCIL REP ALSO RETURNED
RECENTLY FROM SUMMER BEIRUT. HIS CASUAL APPROACH GOOD INDI-
CATION US CAN EXPECT USUAL EXCELLENT COOPERATION LEBANON, AND
PROBABLY LESS ARAB-RELATED CRISIS THAN PRIOR ASSEMBLIES.
END FYI.
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